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APPLICANT: Colson et al. **EXAMINER:** Befumo
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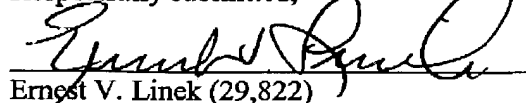
Sir:

**FINAL REJECTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
AND NOTICE OF APPEAL**

In response to the Final Rejection dated July 2, 2004, please amend the attached application as set forth herein. Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2. Remarks begin on Page 8.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the amendments and/or remarks made herein, the undersigned attorney would appreciate the opportunity to do so. Thus the Examiner is hereby invited to call the undersigned, collect, at the number shown.

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